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Dear Mr. Jaffe,

I am writing with concern over methods used in the egg industry. I recently found out, and am shocked by, forced molting of layer hens.

This seems incredibly unnatural and cruel. Great Britain realizes this and has banned forced molting since 1987.

These hens are deprived of food and water, sometimes for weeks, which causes them to weaken and shed their feathers and begin a new laying cycle.

I'm not against egg-production, but I don't believe in causing such misery, pain, and suffering. Please do all you can to improve conditions and ban forced molting.

Thank you,

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